IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of:)
Steffen Goletz et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1633
Application No.: 10/568,098)) Examiner: Leavitt, Maria
Filed: June 20, 2006) Confirmation No.: 8158
For: TUMOR CELL LINES AND USES THEREOF)))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Sir:

Applicants appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2009, and further to the Advisory Action mailed October 7, 2009, and Examiner's Interview Summary mailed October 28, 2009.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. Applicants previously filed a Petition for extension of time on December 22, 2009, extending the period for response to the outstanding Office action to December 23, 2009.
- 2. The Notice of Appeal Fee of \$540.00 is enclosed.
- 3. A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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